

REMARKS

In this paper, claims 1, 2, 7, 8, 10-16 and 18-22 are currently amended. After entry of the above amendment, claims 1-22 are pending.

An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) accompanies this amendment. If the IDS is not in the PTO file when the examiner considers this amendment, the examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned so that a duplicate copy may be provided.

The specification has been amended to provide proper antecedent basis for the various fixing components.

The claims have been amended to delete the references to the first second fixing component and the second second fixing component.

Claims 1-3, 9-15 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Cooke, et al (US 3,800,392) in view of Otomo (JP 2,679,162). This basis for rejection is respectfully traversed.

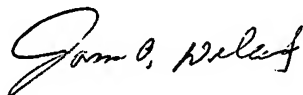
Claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the first rotor member and the first second rotor member are pressure welded together. Claim 12 has been amended to be in independent form and to recite the first rotor member being nonremovably bonded to and is disposed between the first second rotor member and the second second rotor member. Claim 22 has been amended to clarify that the first rotor member and the first second rotor member are nonremovably attached together. Cooke, et al disclose a disk brake rotor with removable wear surfaces so that the wear surfaces may be renewed or refurbished without requiring the discarding of the entire assembly. Pressure welding the wear surfaces or otherwise nonremovably bonding them to the first rotor member would destroy the objective of the Cooke, et al patent. Thus, Cooke, et al neither disclose nor suggest the subject matter recited in amended claims 1, 12 or 22.

Claims 4-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Cooke, et al in view of Otomo and Gwelber, et al (US 5,626,211). This basis for rejection is respectfully traversed for the reasons noted above.

Claims 16-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Cooke, et al in view of Otomo and Seymour (US 6,343,675). This basis for rejection is respectfully traversed for the reasons noted above. Also, Seymour's structure would actually multiply the effort needed to attach the rotor to the hub because of the plurality of arms.

Accordingly, it is believed that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103 have been overcome by the foregoing amendment and remarks, and it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested. Allowance of all claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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